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Land is not a commodity. Land is not the product of man, nor with all the ingenuity of classical economists can he ever mix his labor with anything that is not land and thereby fashion land. Land is the gift of Nature entrusted to man's keeping upon which he may project his energies of mind and muscle and thereby support life and fashion a civilization. - Wilhelm Anderson in Land Policy Review.

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PERIODICAL ARTICLESAirplanes and Erosion

Anderson, H.P. Farmers in the sky. Farm Jour. 64(12):18-19, illus.  
Dec. 1940. '6 F2212

"The era of the airplane as a farm tool has begun." Among its uses are spotting erosion blemishes and sowing ranges. "By using the 'flying drill' [western sheepman with an eye to reclaiming overgrazed lands] expect to sow swaths a hundred feet wide at the rate of better than a mile a minute."

Andrews, G.S. Notes on interpretation of vertical air photographs. Forestry Chron. 16(3):[202]-215, illus. Sept. 1940. 99.8 F7623

"Additional references," pp. 214-215.

"The air photograph is a means to an end. That end is a qualitative and quantitative knowledge of the features of the earth's surface.

"A number of pictorial elements - tones, texture, shadows, and outlines - taken in conjunction, build up a comprehensive picture of conditions on the ground.

"The influences of central perspective and scale are discussed.

"Suggestions are given as to the application of air photographs and a description of the more prominent features to be observed in such photographs - water, rock outcrops, alpine slides, snow, ice and forest types."

Uses of air photography in planning [in Pennsylvania]. Pa. State Planning Bd., Pa. Planning 7(3):3-7. Nov. 1940. 280.7 P363

Among the things listed indicating what air maps of Pennsylvania have shown are the beginnings of erosion that might well lead to great agricultural loss in the near future and improper or dangerous uses of land, such as disfigurement by culm banks and wasteful types of planting on hill slopes.

A bibliography is given on p. 20.

American Society of Agronomy

[American society of agronomy] Minutes of the thirty-third annual meeting. Amer. Soc. Agron. Jour. 32(12):978-1005. Dec. 1940. 4 Am34P

Committee reports: Bibliography of field experiments (H.M. Steece, chairman) pp. 984-986; Pasture improvement (O.S. Aamodt, chairman) pp. 986-990; Soil tilth (I.D. Baver, chairman) p. 991.

Beavers

Cook, D.B. Beaver-trout relations. Jour. Mammal. 21(4):397-401. Nov. 1940. 410 J823

"Literature cited," p. 401.

"From this discussion it is apparent that the presence of beaver on



a trout stream may be of considerable benefit or harm to trout, depending on the total effect of a number of divergent factors...

"Many...values are involved in beaver ponds. The storage of water by a series of ponds may be considerable, both in the ponds themselves and in the additional ground water held in the soil because of the raised water table. The ponds are ideal breeding places for black ducks. Deer, muskrat, raccoon and otter may use them. Finally, the pelts of the beaver themselves are an item of no mean value. They probably represent the highest net return per acre of any use to which forest land can be put.

"In view of these many values, it is imperative that the activities of the beaver be fairly judged and that the animals be condemned as harmful to trout only on valid evidence."

### Bio-dynamic Farming

Davis, L.D. Is the bio-dynamic method practical? Free Amer. 4(9):6-9. Sept. 1940.

### Coast and Pond Shore Stabilization

Du-Plat-Taylor, F.M.G. The prevention of coast erosion. Inst. Civ. Engin. Jour. 15(1):53-60, illus. Nov. 1940. 290.9 In74J

A discussion of measures to stop erosion of the coast of the British Isles, including sea-walls and groynes. The author avoids planting.

Gunston, J. The prevention of coastal erosion. Remarkably successful experiments at Holkham [Eng.] Field 176(4571):148-149, illus. Aug. 3, 1940. 10 F45

Describes tree planting.

Osborn, Ben. Native plants stabilize pond shores. U.S. Soil Conserv. Serv., Soil Conserv. 6(6):144-145, illus. Dec. 1940. 1.6 So3S

Describes the manner in which the shores and inlet channel of a pond were stabilized on the farm of E.R. Sherwin, near Elk City, Okla.

### Conservation

Ascher, C.S. National planning. Social Ed. 4(8):533-537. Dec. 1940. 280.8 Sol23

Traces national planning, by government, mentioning conservation in particular.

Bunce, A.C. Time preference and conservation. Jour. Farm Econ. 22(3):533-543. Aug. 1940. 290.8 J822

A criticism of the use of time preference concepts in relation to conservation.

"From a research point of view" says the writer, "we need to determine where conservation is economic and where exploitation is economic... The next step would appear to be an attempt to discover the areas where action is urgently needed and where the relative returns from conservation investments will be the greatest. The third step would be an analysis of the factors which cause or permit exploitation to continue long after it has become economic to conserve. If the problem is largely one

of insecurity of tenure then the development of a more permanent system of land occupation would be the best method of attacking the problem. If ignorance or the force of custom is a major factor then education and the introduction of opposing social pressures seems the logical procedure to achieve the changes needed. If imperfections in the pricing system, particularly the capital market are major causes, then social action should be directed at improving these conditions. It is the author's belief that there is far more un-economic exploitation than we can control and remedy during the next quarter of a century. If we spend all our energies and funds in this field rather than spread them over the whole nation to obtain conservation everywhere, we may achieve more."

Leggett, R.F. Conservation. Canad. Forum 20(238):235-237. Nov. 1940. L.C.

The writer reviews the parts of the Rowell-Sirois commission (Canadian) report on provincial-dominion relations, concerning conservation as a national policy and emphasizes the fact that little is to be found. "As a clarion call to action to the Canadian people, the statement can hardly be regarded as adequate," he indicates. He quotes Dr. J. J. O'Neill, of McGill University as follows: "Why should autocracies have a monopoly on five-, ten-, or fifty-year plans? Is our collective intelligence less than that of a dictator or a bureaucracy? ... Why not take out some insurance for the continued prosperity and development of the country as a whole?"

McDermott, W.F. Wisconsin goes wild! Rotarian 57(5):10-13, illus. Nov. 1940. L.C.

Wisconsin by virtue of its rural zoning law is "going wild" in an intelligent and courageous way. In an effort to restore its natural resources, it is acquiring wilderness settlements and submarginal cut-over farms on a vast scale - in other words, it is turning the land back to nature.

Van Dresser, Cleland. The Indian rebuilds. Amer. Wildlife 29(6):259-261, illus. Nov./Dec. 1940. 412.9 Am32

With Uncle Sam's cooperation "the Indian is performing his part of the job of conservation of natural resources".

Walcott, F.C. Defend conservation. Amer. Wildlife 29(6):249-255, illus. Nov./Dec. 1940. 412.9 Am32

Speech before the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, Baltimore, December 7, 1940.

Advocates the appointment of a National Advisory Board for Conservation to advise how our natural resources can be used for defense needs without imperilling the future supply.

Following Senator Walcott's speech the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association unanimously approved a petition, to be transmitted to President Roosevelt. It is quoted.

### Contour Furrowing

[American society of agricultural engineers. Committee on soil erosion. Subcommittee on contour furrowing.] Progress in contour furrowing. Agr. Engin. 21(12):483-484, 488. Dec. 1940. 58.8 Ag83

Intended as a supplement to the 1938-39 report. E.C. Buie, chairman.



### County Planning

Crawford, J.G. and Lange, Gunnar. County planning for land-use adjustment. Jour.Farm Econ.22(2):473-483. May 1940. 280.8 J822

Roy, K.B. Yell[county, Ark.] applies democracy to land planning. Ark. Farmer 42(12):6, illus. Dec.1940. 6 Ar42

Teton County[Montana] likes "planning". Nation's no.1 "Guinea Pig" idea now adopted as a national policy. Mont.Farmer 28(3):5, illus. Oct. 1, 1940. 6 W764

### Dams

Brenneke, A.M. Metal crest for Denison's earth dam. New use is found for Armco bin-type retaining wall in northern Texas. Highway Mag. 31:271-273, illus. Dec.1940. 288.8 H53

Creek bottom catchbasin at Mud Mountain dam[to control floods and debris] Engin.News-Rec.126(1):44, illus. Jan.2, 1941. 290.8 En34

First dams built for the Willamette basin project. Construction advances on Fern Ridge and Cottage Grove jobs in Oregon under direction of the Corps of engineers. West.Construct.News 15(10):340-342, illus. Oct. 1940. 290.8 W522

Includes reservoir, outlet control and spillway capacity data on Fern Ridge and Cottage Grove dams.

### Defense Aspects

Agriculture... Effect of decentralization of defense industries on the farm labor problem; prospect of expanded demand in 1941 for dairy products and meats. U.S.Council of Natl.Defense, Defense 2(1):5-6. Jan.7, 1941. 173.3 D36

Briefly mentions land acquisition problems and plans arising in connection with the establishment of defense facilities in rural areas.

Hadley, Ed. Washington roundup. Country Gent.111(1):18, 26. Jan. 1941. 6 C833

Outlines the farm program, coming to the fore, known as the Alabama plan, in which officials of SCS see "a direct knitting together of their work with that of AAA".

Refers also to land acquisition activities of SCS in connection with the national defense program and army training camps.

Land use planning for defense. U.S.Ext.Serv., Ext.Serv.Rev.11(11):141. Nov.1940. 1 Ex8925x

"Looming more important than ever, in view of the national defense program, is county land use planning. The part that county and community planning committees are playing in building and maintaining a strong defense can be gathered from a description of the work in Miami County, Ohio."



Range conservation program helping coastal stockmen to improve lands.  
Importance of livestock industry to national defense stressed.  
Coastal Cattleman 6(9):5-7,illus. Nov.1940. 48.8 C63  
Refers particularly to the AAA range conservation program in Texas.

### Drought

Samuelson, Walt. Drouths do not run in cycles. West.Farm Life 42(23):  
5,illus. Dec.1,1940. 6 R153  
Reports some of the findings of Harry Weekly, of the North Platte,  
Nebraska state experimental farm, regarding drouth in Nebraska.

### Dryland Farming

Finnell, H.H. Yardsticks and the four-card draw. U.S.Bur.Agr.Econ.  
Land Policy Rev.3(6):19-22. Oct.1940. 1 Ec7La  
"Many wheat farmers of the Southern Great Plains have been accused  
of operating on the principle of everything to gain and nothing to  
lose. 'Playing them blind' may be all right some times, but, with poker  
as an example, the advice is here given that the dryland farmer con-  
sider well his first four cards (July rainfall; soil moisture store;  
accumulated amount of available nitrogen; incorporated unrotted trashy  
residue from the previous crop) before staying in or making a raise."

### Dust Bowl

Dust storms clog sewage plant filter. Engin.News-Rec.125(25):828.  
Dec.19,1940. 290.8 En34  
"As the efficiency of the trickling filters at the sewage treatment  
plant of Huron, S.D., was found to be far below normal, part of the stone  
was removed and disclosed that the filters were clogged with mud and  
dirt to a depth of 2 or 3 ft. The probable reason for this accumulation,  
as reported by Alfred Ross, superintendent of the plant, in The Clarifier,  
official bulletin of the South Dakota State Board of Health, was the  
dust storms of a few years ago, during a period of high winds and drought.  
At that time, the storms sometimes piled wind-borne material on the  
filters. By the use of high-pressure fire streams this foreign matter  
was flushed out, so that the efficiency of the filters gradually return-  
ed to nearly normal. In spite of the excessive amount of mud and dirt  
collected by the filters, there had been no unusual ponding on the filter  
beds."

Entire article quoted.

Fuller, N.G. Walter Plagge - one who stayed in the dust bowl. U.S.Bur.  
Agr.Econ.Land Policy Rev.3(6):37-39. Oct.1940. 1 Ec7La  
Soil conserving practices are helping a dust bowl farmer to win  
against big odds.

Henson, E.R. Borrowed time in the dust bowl. U.S.Bur.Agr.Econ.Land  
Policy Rev.3(6):3-7,illus. Oct.1940. 1 Ec7La

"The coordinator for the Southern Great Plains outlines the drought-  
made problems of his region and the attempts to solve them. He cites  
reasons for optimism and most important of all, he points out the para-  
mount lesson of the drought years: 'We must not forget.'"

## Evaporation

Better evaporation data sought. Engin.News-Rec.125(25):831,illus.  
Dec.19,1940. 290.8 En34

To furnish engineers more reliable figures on evaporation as a basis for planning hydraulic projects, the U.S. Weather Bureau is using one of Salt Lake City's water reservoirs as a field laboratory to try out a new method - the water-vapor transport method - of determining evaporation from readings of temperature, humidity and wind velocities.

"Preliminary data reveal that floating pan evaporation varies within a range of 30 to 40 per cent of that measured from the land pan, and that computations of evaporation from vapor transport data will approach the true values determined from changes in reservoir level."

Mead, T.C. Use of floating pans in Lake Mead. U.S. Bur. Reclam., Reclam. Era 30(11):316-317, illus. Nov. 1940. 156.84 R24  
Evaporation loss measurement.

Penman, H.L. Meteorological and soil factors affecting evaporation from fallow soil. Roy. Met. Soc. [London] Quart. Jour. 66(287):401-410, illus. Oct. 1940. 340.9 R81  
"References," p. 410.

Powell, R.W. The evaporation of water from saturated surfaces. Engineering 150(3897):238-239, illus. Sept. 20, 1940; 150(3899):278-280, illus. Oct. 4, 1940. 290.8 En322  
"Paper read before the Institution of Chemical Engineers, London, on Friday, March 8, 1940. Abridged."

## Farm Forestry

Advertising farm forestry. Amer. Forests 47(1):36, illus. Jan. 1941. 99.8 F762  
Describes some of the exhibits in a contest planned by the Texas Forest Service with the Texas Forestry Association, the Texas Forest Festival Association and the American Forestry Association as cooperators.

Harper, F.B. Clackamas [Oregon] farm forestry project. Timberman 41(12):18-19, 62, 64-65, illus. Oct. 1940. 99.81 T484

Preston, J.F. Farm woodland - farm economy. U.S. Soil Conserv. Serv., Soil Conserv. 6(6):149-151, illus. Dec. 1940. 1.6 So3S

Telford, C.J. A custom mill that goes to the logs. Jour. Forestry 38(12):938-940, illus. Dec. 1940. 99.8 F768

"For decades the farm woodland owner has needed a neighborhood sawmill to come around and saw his logs into lumber, just as the wheat thresher and corn sheller have met his requirements for years. Herein is described a unique small sawmill and a method of operation which may fill the bill admirably for many farmers."

"...Farm economics and woodland forestry would benefit if a few thousand instead of two such mills were available."



## Fertility

Albrecht, W.A. Soil casualties. Canper's Farmer 51(12):10, illus.  
Dec. 1940. 6 M693

Cites instance of a Pike county, Missouri farmer recognizing that "livestock condition and animal behavior are testimony of defective forage feeds because of declining soil fertility."

Davis, K.S. Taking the road back to soil fertility. Better Crops with Plant Food 24(9):13-16, 42, illus. Nov. 1940. 6 B46

"This is the story of the Big Creek watershed - 155,000 acres of land in northern Missouri and southern Iowa, typical of some 11,000,000 acres that make up one of the Midwest's major 'erosion problem areas'. This is the story of the land of the people who live on it, of what they did to it, and of what they are now doing to restore it."

## Floods and Flood Control

Benson, J.L., Foster, H.A., and Foster, E.E. Maximum probable floods on Pennsylvania streams. Discussion. Amer. Soc. Civ. Engin. Proc. 66(10): 1849-1857. Dec. 1940. 290.9 Am3P

Paper with above title, by Charles F. Ruff, was published in September, 1940, Proceedings.

Kerr, H.W. The recent Burdekin flood and its lesson. Queensland Bur. Sugar Expt. Stas., Cane Growers' Quart. Bul. 8(1):33-40, illus. July 1, 1940. 65.9 Q3C

Erosion damage in the lower Burdekin district of Queensland is discussed and depicted by numerous illustrations.

Also in Queensland Agr. Jour. 5(4):111-118, illus. Aug. 1, 1940.

U.S. Supreme court [on Dec. 16, 1940, in 15 year old New River case] broadens federal river control. Engin. News-Rec. 125(25):803, illus. Dec. 19, 1940. 290.8 En34

"Court holds that any stream that can be made navigable is under federal control and that such control includes power development, regulation of floods and watershed development."

## Flow of Water

Wilm, H.G. Measuring flow in open channels. Engin. News-Rec. 125(23): 754, illus. Dec. 5, 1940. 290.8 En34

Suggests as a substitute for the standard current-meters and pitot tubes, a 1x3-in. rod or staff of strong wood and convenient length, with beveled edges sheathed with thin copper and a brass plate on the bottom. Calibrations are shown, in feet and tenths by bands painted completely around the rod.

Youngquist, Vernon. Measuring Ohio's rivers. Stream flow during the 1940 climatic year. Ohio State Univ., Engin. Expt. Sta. News 12(5):15-16, illus. Dec. 1940. 290.9 Oh3En



## Forests and Forestry

Christ, J.H. Timber and cut-over land problems in the Pacific Northwest. U.S. Soil Conserv. Serv., Soil Conserv. 6(6):153-155, 164, illus. Dec. 1940. 1.6 So3S

Fulmer, W.L. Forestry conference. Amer. Nurseryman 73(1):28-29. Jan. 1, 1941. 80 Am371

The Washington state forestry conference, meeting December 5, 1940 "took the most drastic and far-reaching action ever undertaken to regulate the industry.

"The main object is to compel all forest owners throughout the state to make reforestation practice uniform. Each operator cutting timber must leave a block of seed trees to insure future growth, provide adequate fire protection and eventually establish a forestry practice toward a perpetual yield."

Hall, J.A. Bright young men whistle in the wind. U.S. Bur. Agr. Econ., Land Policy Rev. 3(7):14-17. Nov. 1940. 1 Ec7La

"In this challenging discussion, addressed primarily to men in the Forest Service, a veteran forester describes the maladjustment of a large group in 'submarginal' areas of the Central States. Much can be done, he says, 'but it will require more than bulletins or radio speeches, or bright young men to make farm plans and run contours'."

He sketches in very broad terms a program that appeals to him as practical - "one that envisions the Forest Service in the role of a real land-management agency dealing not only with forest lands and the marketing of timber but with resident families who make their subsistence from small areas of plow land under the control of the Forest Service and derive cash income from labor in the forest and on the products of the forest."

Holdridge, L.R. The possibility of close co-operation for mutual benefit between agriculture and forestry in the American tropics. Indian Forester 66(10):630-636. Oct. 1940. 99.8 In2  
Refers to Puerto Rico in particular.

Olson, C.E. Forests in the Arizona desert. Jour. Forestry 38(12):956-959, illus. Dec. 1940. 99.8 F768  
A description of mesquite forests and their economic importance.

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Fuller, H.U. Studies of frost penetration. New England Waterworks Assoc. Jour. 54(3):275-281, illus. Sept. 1940. 292.9 N44

"Tabulations and diagrams indicating frost penetration of gravel and clay experiment carried on by the Portland, Maine Water district.

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Awakening interest in grassland farming. A symposium. U.S. Bur. Agr. Econ. Land Policy Rev. 3(6):24-31. Oct. 1940. 1 Ec7La

Uses and values of grass, by P.V. Cardon; As it once was, by W.G. McGinnies; Nature's way, by O.S. Aamodt; New directions, by S.H. Watson.

Booth, W.E. Getting grass back on abandoned crop land [in Oklahoma and Texas] Cattleman 27(8):72. Jan. 1941. 49 C29

Enlow, C.R. Adjusting farms to a grassland agriculture. Natl. Seedsman 7(5):6-7, 28-29, illus. Nov. 1940. 61.8 N21

"Soil conservationist shows how grassland agriculture, advocated in October issue of National Seedsman, can be practically applied to farms. And how it forebodes a future for field seed sales."

Fischer, G.W. Grass diseases in the Pacific Northwest in 1940. U.S. Bur. Plant Indus., Plant Dis. Rptr. 24(23):481-503. Dec. 15, 1940. 1.9 P69P

"In 1940 the writer reported on the grass diseases found in the observational row nurseries of the Pullman, Washington Nursery Unit of the Soil Conservation Nurseries. The present report, while based principally on the diseases occurring in the same nurseries in 1940, has been enlarged to include all grass diseases collected or observed elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest during the 1940 season. Of the latter, most were collected or observed in the State of Washington, although Idaho, Oregon, and Utah are also represented. A few specimens have been sent in from California and Nevada. Forty-four diseases on 130 species of grasses are reported, including 9 leaf-spots, 15 smuts, and 14 rusts."

Hull, A.C., jr. Bulbous bluegrass, valuable for reseeding intermountain ranges: Natl. Wool Grower 30(8):32-33, 41-44, illus. Aug. 1940. 45.8 N21N

Joseph Page and his oasis of grass. Ariz. Prod. 19(24):20, illus. Nov. 23, 1940. 6 Ar44

By fencing, controlled grazing and moisture conservation, an Arizona farmer demonstrated what deserts can be when used and not abused. The University of Arizona now owns the farm and is working out a cooperative arrangement with the Forest Service and SCS.

Law, A.G. and Anderson, K.L. The effect of selection and inbreeding on the growth of big bluestem (*Andropogon furcatus*, Muhl.) Amer. Soc. Agron. Jour. 32(12):931-943, illus. Dec. 1940. 4 Am34P

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McAtee, W.L. When a grass is not a grass. Nature Mag. 34(1):23, 47, illus. Jan. 1941. 409.6 N214

Stevenson, E.V. The economic significance of grass in American agriculture. Cattleman 27(8):21, 24-26. Jan. 1941. 49 C29

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Hubert, M.K. The theory of ground-water motion. Jour. Geol. 48(8):785-944, illus. Nov./Dec. 1940. 403 J82

Meinzer, O.E. and Wenzel, L.K. Present status of our knowledge regarding the hydraulics of ground water. Econ. Geol. 35(8):915-941, illus. Dec. 1940. 403 Ec7

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Lauritzen, C.W. and Stoltenberg, N.L. Some factors which influence infiltration and its measurement in Houston black clay. Amer. Soc. Agron. Jour. 32(11):853-866, illus. Nov. 1940. 4 Am34P  
"Literature cited," p. 866.

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Drainage problems [1939-1940]. Agr. Engin. 21(12):482. Dec. 1940. 58.8 Ag83  
J.G. Sutton, chairman.

Angell, G.N. Facts and case histories on irrigation in Washington. Wash. Farmer 65(18):451, illus. Aug. 29, 1940. 6 R151  
What does it cost? When is it practical? The case of Harvey Shoultes; The case of Joe McGowan; The case of Weeks brothers; The case of Dave Scherruble; How do you get a water right? About pumps.

Bose, N.K. Mathematics in irrigation. Sci. and Cult. 4(12):685-691, illus. June 1939. 475 Sci24

Carter, Keith. Fatt Tomish makes it rain. Unusual sprinkling system takes fifty percent less water, owner says. Nebr. Farmer 82(22):7, 14, illus. Nov. 2, 1940. 6 N27

Davies, M.F. Irrigation in the Canterbury plains. Geography 25(128):68-75, illus. June 1940. L.C.  
Describes a system of irrigation initiated by the New Zealand government with the object of increasing the production of grass and fodder crops and of preventing the wilting or dying out of the pasture during a dry season.  
"The present scale of the sheep-rearing industry was made possible only by the construction of a close network of races which now carry water to every part."

Debler, E.B. Stabilization by irrigation. U.S. Bur. Reclam. Reclam. Era 30(11):309-311, illus. Nov. 1940. 156.84 R24  
Statement presented to Special committee of House of Representatives investigating interstate migration of destitute citizens, Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 17, 1940.  
Table indicates present and potential irrigation development in western United States.

Harrington, E.R. A history of irrigation in Idaho's Snake river valley. Sixty years of reclamation solving problems resulting from peculiar lava bed formation. West. Construct. News 15(10):346-349, illus. Oct. 1940. 290.8 W522

Haswell, J.R. Farm drainage and erosion control in highway engineering. Agr. Engin. 21(12):490, illus. Dec. 1940. 58.8 Ag83  
Letter to the editor suggesting that "instead of limiting ourselves to back roads and byways we should make the requirements of the farmer,



as regards sufficient drainage outlet depth, felt with the various highway departments and railroads. Protection against erosion from their drains is also often necessary."

Irrigation research in India. Engineering 150(3906):403-405, illus. Nov. 22, 1940. 290.8 En322

A review of the annual report (date not given) of the Central Board Irrigation, India. Particular mention is made of reservoir silting.

Israelsen, O.W. Irrigation and drainage research. Utah Agr. Expt. Sta., Farm and Home Sci. 1(2):8, illus. June 1940. 100 UtlF

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Long, A.E. Every farm its own rainmaker. No. 1 Growing market for needed equipment follows widespread successes with pump irrigation. Impl. and Tractor 55(19):[14]-16, illus. Sept. 14, 1940. 58.8 W41

Mason, W.A. Airport drainage is important. Soc. Amer. Mil. Engin. Bul. no. 3, pp. 17-19, illus., Oct. 1940. L.C.

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Scofield, C.S. Salt balance in irrigated areas. Jour. Agr. Res. 61(1):17-39, illus. July 1, 1940. 1 Ag84J

"The objectives of the present paper are to describe methods and results (1) of field observations made to ascertain the quantities of dissolved salts carried to and removed from certain representative irrigated areas and (2) of a salt-balance experiment made at the Rubidoux Laboratory, Riverside, Calif."

Uruguayan irrigation commission. Pan. Amer. Union. Bul. 74(8):602. Aug. 1940. 150.9 M76

"The Government of Uruguay, by means of Decree No. 24/940, approved January 17, 1940, established a new National Commission for the Promotion of Irrigation... In some areas an overabundance of water has caused serious soil erosion and in other parts a lack of water has resulted in equally severe damage to crops. Agricultural experts believe that once a good system of irrigation is established, it will result in a greater diversification of crops and in the cultivation of choice products which naturally will have a higher marketable value."

#### Land Management and Utilization

Anderson, Wilhelm. Land ownership and the nation's life. U.S. Bur. Agr. Econ., Land Policy Rev. 3(7):30-35. Nov. 1940. 1 Ec7La

The writer believes that "the land tenure difficulties of this country lie primarily in our utter lack of any legislatively defined

National and State policies specifically designed to promote the more equitable and socially efficient adjustment of farm population to available soil resources...To approach the question intelligently, we must clarify our thinking concerning the social function of land in national life, and analyze carefully the elements of private property in land as presently legalized with a view to eliminating elements that obstruct that function.

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"The soils are deficient in iron, copper, cobalt, and possibly other minerals. The addition of these to the diets of both children and animals produced a dramatic change in nutrition.

"A further relationship between the amount of iron in the soil and that in locally grown vegetables was shown by analysis of turnip greens, which varied from 258 parts per million when grown on productive soils to 56 parts per million when grown on deficient ones. The fertility of the soil influences the food value of the crops grown upon it.

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"All the straight lengths of timber up to, say, 8 inches in diameter, will be found very useful in checking the downhill rush of water during heavy rains.

"After they have been levered or rolled across the hillsides they should be 'anchored' in position against stumps or by stakes and, possibly, large stones. It is not always possible to place them directly across the slope, because of the unevenness of the land, but they will prevent loss of surface soil, even if placed somewhat at an angle.

"Where the land is carrying large 'floaters' the stones also can be

used to advantage by placing them in half circles below the banana stools and filling in the intervening hollow with soil.

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"But, struggling along in the wake of this renaissance, are a whole group of problems which can be classed under soil sociology. Indeed, this latter aspect bids fair to eclipse all other soil studies from the point of view of expenditure and human needs. In the United States of America, for example, the human and economic problems connected with soil wastage, especially in the wheat, cotton and tobacco belts, have forced the Soil Conservation Service to make intensive soil studies which practically amount to a reorganization of Soil Science."

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